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FLAT TIRES

March 18 was a gala night in Russell Hall when the Alpha Lambda Beta Fraternity presented the three act farce-comedy, "Flat Tires."

Imagine Howard Libby, the "leading lady" as a good-looking, pleasant Irish girl in a neat house dress and apron! The dashing, young hero of the play was Blynn Felker who took the part of a young Irish detective. "Dr. Crump" and "Flat Tires" was played by none other than our own "Ken" Brooks.

This rollicking comedy, full of laughs and excitement, proved to be a success from start to finish. It was coached by Chester H. Sloat of the faculty and True Bailey, president of the fraternity.

Below is given a complete list of the cast:

Maggie Sullivan, *the maid*, Howard Libby
Mike Delaney, *a policeman*, Harlton Burr
Rose Matthews, Arthur Doe
George Matthews, *her husband*,

Charles Loomis
Dan Maloney, *a detective*, Blynn Felker
"Flat Tire" Kensington, *a burglar*,

Kenneth Brooks
Dr. Peter Crump, Kenneth Brooks
Matilda, *his wife*, Kenneth Hobbs
Capt. Jack Smith, Captain of Detectives,

Alan Paine
Miss Agnes Flint, *a nurse*, Stanley Reed

H. M. S. PINAFORE PRESENTED BY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

H. M. S. Pinafore, a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, was presented at the Junior High School on February 26th, under the supervision of Miss Miriam Andrews.

Orchids to Dick Deadeye (Philip Kimball) that cherubic villain! Blessed with a natural knack for drama—or melodrama—the youngster acted with actual finesse. The captain (Earle Huse) with his chest stuffed to a point of pomposity, carried himself with the dignity due his station. After Little Buttercup, a husky-voiced, but thoroughly charming young lady (Margaret Gordon) divulged her long-withheld secret, the captain, reduced to the ranks of a sailor, offered her his heart, promising to always write to her, wherever he might be. "What, always?" "Well, nearly always."

Wilma Parker, entertaining and attractive as the captain's daughter, and the hero, Ralph Rackstraw (Lloyd Libby), furnished the romantic element.

The scenery was cleverly executed by Miss Anna Richardson, of the Normal School. Miss Mary Peabody, critic-teacher in the third grade, and Miss Jane Skillings, accompanied the production. The orchestra played several selections, and, between the acts, Miss Shirley Bachelder entertained with a tap-dance. Miss Trask devoted much time to coach-

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One Baby Is a Lovely Treat

But Two Alike Is Twice as Sweet!

Who? Why, Audrey Lee Sloat and John Chase Rand!

When? January 22 and January 15!
The Proud Parents? Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sloat and Mr. and Mrs. John Rand.

ARTHUR COMEAU CHAIRMAN STUDENT ROUND TABLE



Miss Wood

DR. RUSSELL ATTENDS CONVENTION AT ST. LOUIS

On Tuesday morning, March 4, in chapel, Dr. Russell entertained the student body with the highlights of his trip to St. Louis, where he attended a convention of the American Association of Teachers' Colleges. He described his visit there as "a delightful exposure to liberal education." Educators from all over the country attended the convention. Those present were such men as Dr. Charles H. Judd, Dept. of Education, Chicago University; Dr. W. C. Bagley and Dr. Paul P. Mott, both of the Teachers' College, Columbia University; Dean Withers and Dean Ambrose Suhrie, New York University; Dean Henry W. Holmes, Dept. of Education, Harvard; Pres. Lotus D. Coffman, University of Minnesota; Pres. Glenn Frank, University of Wisconsin; Charles A. Beard, author and historian, New Milford, Conn.

At a dinner meeting of the association, February 20, an a capella choir from the Terry Haute Teachers' College, Indiana, entertained. The general topic of the evening was "Salute to Service," with the following topics and speakers:

"The Pioneers"—John R. Kirk, President Emeritus of the Missouri State Teachers' College; "The Promoters"—Dwight B. Waldo, President of Kalamazoo State Teachers' College; "The Profits"—John Alger, President of the Rhode Island College of Education.

At a Sunday evening Vesper Service, a program was presented consisting of selections by a mixed choir of the Grace Methodist Church and an address by Glenn Frank, President of the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Russell spoke highly of a program presented by a chorus of 600 Negro men and women from St. Louis' three Negro high schools.

Two other programs, especially mentioned by Principal Russell, were in the

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STUDENT LIMITATIONS BY A POINT SYSTEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Miss Esther Wood, faculty adviser of the Civic Committee, has been elected to head the group of delegates who will attend the convention of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers to be held April 3rd and 4th, 1936. Student delegates, elected by popular vote of the Gorham Normal School student body, are Arthur Comeau and Eunice Kelley. The fourth delegate is Mr. Everett Packard, member of the faculty.

Arthur Comeau, a Senior, has been an outstanding individual in his two and a half years at G. N. S., being a member of the Dramatic Club, Y. M. C. A., Alpha Lambda Beta Fraternity, Civic Committee, Glee Club, and the Men's Athletic Association.

Eunice Kelley, a Junior, is co-editor of the school yearbook, the "Green and White." She is also prominent in the Dramatic Club and is a member of the Poetry Club.

The delegation will leave Thursday night, April 2nd for New York City where they will stay at the Hotel Commodore.

The program Friday afternoon will be in the form of a round-table discussion, involving several groups, one of which is to be led by Arthur Comeau, who will discuss the topic, "Use of a Point System in Limiting Student Office Holding." Miss Kelley will be the secretary for the group. Saturday morning, at a general session, speakers will summarize the round-table discussions.

Each year this school has sent three or four delegates to the Eastern States Convention. The value is so great we hope that more delegates may go in the future.

SHOW BOX THEATRE PUPPET SHOW

Friday, the nineteenth of January, the Jolly Capers' Marionettes presented a program at Russell Hall. The miniature theatre was lighted in the manner of a real stage, had electrically controlled drop curtains, and was a truly artistic setting for the puppet production. "The Little White Princess," five-act play, was first presented; then, a vaudeville show. During intermissions, electrically recorded selections were played.

The puppets were most human in appearance, unlike the continental puppets, with their unnatural expressions, and gangly legs. The vaudeville began with an act by Mickey and his little dog, Toddles, who entertained with some truly remarkable tricks. The costumes worn by the Arabian and the Russian dancers were especially striking. At the close of the program, the puppeteers, uniformed in blue, exhibited before the audience an entire Dutch dance, showing the expert handling of the strings controlling the tiny actors. The program was clever, unusual, and very successful.

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Our Sympathy to Machias

The members of Gorham Normal School wish to extend their deepest sympathy and regrets to the citizens and students in Machias who suffered the loss, by fire, of their Washington State Normal School.

As we finger the pages of the past years' history, we see many outstanding events which may well claim our attention. None, however, have presented a more serious situation than the \$75,000 fire which swept this 27-year old brick building to ruins. The material loss is small, however, as compared to the loss the 150 Machias school children who attended classes in the building, the teachers, the fifty Normal School students, and the children whom they would have taught in the future will suffer. They have lost in a way that can not be measured in dollars and cents.

We ask them not to lose courage now. They have only begun their careers and they must strive to complete them even under this handicap. Right now they may receive a job and start earning money. Then they will begin to lose interest in the careers which they had planned. But they must think ahead a few years and decide whether they would rather be experienced waitresses or salesmen or about to enter a responsible position as a teacher. They must try to turn what they have already learned to good account. It seems a very short time ago when this school year opened: time passes quickly when one is improving himself. This will prove true if they put their time to worth while use while they are unable to attend school.

Then too, an opportunity for attending school may be provided them by holding classes in their

dormitory. If this is true, it means working under a handicap; but none the less, it will be an excellent opportunity for them to demonstrate their determination to succeed.

We offer our encouragement and sympathy to Machias in the form of "chins up and heads high", for they will need courage and determination to regain their losses. May God give them strength!

QUESTION BOX

Why is it that the boys who eat in East Hall dining room cannot have the use of the wash room of the hall?

—Signed by all the boys eating in the dining room.

East Hall is a young women's dormitory and the lavatories are open to these young women. If open to men, it would cause embarrassment. Therefore young men who go there for meals should be washed up before meal-time.

Why is there any objection to young women wearing ski suits in the classroom?

The ski suit is a sport costume designed for wear in deep snow and is too heavy for indoor temperature. It is decidedly out of place in the classroom.

A coach who came with one of the guest basketball teams asked these questions: "Why is it the young women at Gorham do not wear such pretty dresses when dancing as in former years? Is it due to the depression? I notice the most attractive dresses here are not the most expensive."

It may be due to a lowering of standards in our informal dances.

Would it not be well to omit the last scene of the closing act in most of our entertainments which has been staged at the foot of the stairway leading to Robie Hall to the amusement of a considerable audience?

We think it would.

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form of debates. The first, on the Federal Support of Public Education, was presented by Prof. Mott of Teachers' Colleges, Columbia, Charles H. Judd of the University of Chicago, and Prof. Coffman of Minnesota. While they were agreed on the desirability and perhaps the necessity of Federal support for equalizing education, they were not agreed on the first steps to be taken. Prof. Judd was opposed to a large Federal appropriation to be distributed in proportion to population, but favored a smaller one to be granted to states least able to meet their own education obligations.

The second program, to which Principal Russell called our attention, was on the subject of Current National Issues, with the following speakers:

Hon. Norman Thomas (Socialist), of New York; Hon. H. J. Allen, Former Governor of Kansas (Republican); Hon. Mr. Barclay, U. S. Senator from Kansas (Democrat).

Each of the speakers talked frankly in relation to the attitudes of their respective parties in regard to social and political matters.

Dr. Russell said the program of the convention was varied and stimulating, discussing many of the live social and educational problems.

LIBRARY NOTES

"If This Be I," written by Margaret Deland, is a very charming biography recently added to our library. Mrs. Deland is an author known to all of us through her novels and short stories, and some of us have had the privilege of meeting her and hearing her speak, as she passes her summers at Kennebunkport.

Mrs. Deland, who is over seventy, was one day turning the pages of an old album. She found a picture of a little square-rigged, determined-face girl, and on turning the picture over, Mrs. Deland found written in a delicate hand, "Darling Maggie—aged six." It was hard to realize that the little face was her own. She thought that the small child must be a stranger to her, but she remembered the nursery rhyme about the old woman whose dog didn't know her—"If this be I, as I suppose it be,"—and her mind began to collect good memories of her childhood, her own memories and those of her relatives.

The narrative proceeds to give us delightful glimpses of a child's doings and thoughts. We are amused and shocked, indignant and charmed, as these intimate glimpses of a child's life in the 1880's are revealed to us. Don't miss Margaret Deland's story of this young savage of the Civil War days known as "Maggie."

On Saturday evening, February 29, the Library Club gave a "Game Party" in the library. While members of the faculty and students joined in playing monopoly, checkers, bingo, darts, cards, ping-pong and croquet, others listened to the radio. Refreshments were sold and, all in all, Miss Eames declared the party to be a financial, as well as a social success.

During the past few weeks there have been several interesting displays in the library. Miss Keene exhibited a group of framed pictures. Miss Wihry displayed a collection of soap carvings and sketches of Dante. This work shows the unique talent and skill we have in our Gorham Normal School students.

The Senior Literature Class under the direction of Miss Lewis have displayed miniature stages, representing scenes from the following: "As You Like It", "David Copperfield", "Courtship of Miles Standish", "King Robert of Sicily", "Death of Arthur". Those who participated in the display were Eleanor Parker, Mary Sleeper, Lena Dow, Reta MacDonald, Florence McIntyre, Hilma Smith, Althea Cushing, Myrtle Berube, Marie Thompson, Florence Tibbets, June Jordan, Grace Perry and Mary Lovejoy.

One of the most recent soap displays was prepared by Miss Wihry's Junior Art Class. The following contributed to the display: Doris Cunningham, Ethel Cobb, Beverly Frye, Virginia Bell, Phyllis Allen, Bertha Frost, Ruth Gilpatrick, Elinor Brown, Roberta French, Helen Knight, Louise Dow, Barbara Gammons, Olive Draper, Ruth Hanscom, Eleanor Buck and Eleanor Burns.

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ing the speaking parts, and Miss Littlefield supervised the costuming. Much credit is due these people for their co-operation, and especially to Miss Andrews, who worked unceasingly to make the production the complete success that it was.

FACULTY FACTS

In a short time Normal Hill will be graced by a brand new Ford V-8 driven by none other than our friend and instructor, Miss Miriam E. Andrews. This is to be her third car since she has been at Gorham and will bear the name of its predecessors—Queenie, the Third.

Surrounded by music all her life, Miss Andrews has done much in this work as the Director of Music of the Gorham Normal School. She came here in February, 1922, after graduating from the Public School Music Course of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Having studied voice with Jennie King Bragdon, Rupert Neily of Portland, and Ivan Morowski, she taught in Brunswick for part of the year before coming to Gorham. She has been here ever since with the exception of two years spent in New York City. In 1924 she attended the Teachers' College, Columbia University, and received her B.S. degree. In 1928 she went to New York again and attended the Julliard School, studying voice with Belle Soudant and Frederick Bristol, Harmony and Counterpoint with Bernard Wagenaar, and Song Interpretation with Dudley Buck. Since then she has spent three summers in study at The Institute of Normal School Methods at Auburndale, Mass.

An active member of the Rossini Club of Portland before coming to Gorham, Miss Andrews is at present a member of the Annie Louise Carey Club of Gorham and chairman of choral music of the Maine Federation of Music Clubs for Cumberland and York counties. She also has been active as a soloist at concerts and in the Columbus Avenue Unitarian Church, Boston, and the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick.

Miss Andrews tells us she can hardly wait till the ground is bare and dry again. Soon we will see her down on the hockey field trying a few practice shots at golf, her hobby. Another hobby, bridge, she utilizes during some of the long winter months.

Miss Andrews is active in extra-curricula musical activities and has produced many fine entertainments and productions of operas and operettas. That many pupils have benefited by her musical influence on them is proven by the fact that several of the alumni and alumnae are holding positions as supervisors and instructors of music in normal schools and city positions.

The "Green and White" editorial board has been attempting to collect kodak pictures of Gorham Normal life for use in this year's book. There has been practically no response on the part of the student body. The board wishes to call attention to the fact that kodak pages cannot appear in the "Green and White" unless students give us prints to make them.

Extra!!

What's this! Haven't you seen the girls batting that feather back and forth and twirling a rubber ring? Why, Gorham has added Badminton and Deck Tennis to its list of sports. Already tournaments are under way. Barbara Gammons and Elinor Dolloff are the leaders of these two amusing sports. Everyone is invited to come and try her skill.

POETRY CLUB

Lest we forget! Two rural schools in West Stoneham and Winterport, Maine, were not forgotten this Christmas. Eager to aid the less fortunate, the ever-alert Poetry Club asked its secretary, Elsie Hilyard, to write to the Maine Public Health Association in Augusta to obtain the names of schools whose pupils were in need of equipment. Every year the Poetry Club carries out a worth while project of this sort. Various articles, such as games, books, and clothing were collected and sent in special boxes to two teachers who distributed them accordingly. What a thrill that fifth grade pupil of Clara Knowles of Winterport must have had when she received her first sweater!

Helen Abbott, class of '35, now in West Stoneham, was one of these teachers. Last year she was assistant editor of the "Oracle" Board. In appreciation of the gifts, Miss Abbott had her pupils write individual letters of thanks. Each child wrote on a subject, which he thought would interest the members of the Poetry Club. How proud Miss Abbott must have felt to think that a club from her graduate school should remember her needy pupils! Since the box arrived the day after Christmas, a New Year's party was held. We congratulate the Poetry Club and hope it will continue its significant work.

Following are two letters, one from the teacher of the Winterport school and the other one from Miss Abbott's pupils:

Winterport, Maine
January 19, 1936

My dear Miss Hilyard:

The packages came the day after Christmas. As we were having our vacation I kept them until January tenth and gave the children a New Year's Party.

The Poetry Club could not have done a more appreciated act. Each gift was so nice and there were so many of them. The most delight to me was in presenting the sweater to my fifth grade girl who had never had one of her own. Her eyes just beamed with joy.

We are keeping the books and games at the schoolhouse so that each child may enjoy them. They have given much entertainment in these few days.

The children and I feel very grateful to you for having been remembered so generously. We thank you and your club for the gifts.

Yours sincerely,

Clara M. Knowles.

West Stoneham, Maine
January 6, 1936

Dear Poetry Club:

I thank you very much for what you sent. I like to color very much and the toothpaste will help me remember to wash my teeth every morning.

The last day of school we had an entertainment for our mothers and friends. There were twenty-four people here in all. We dramatized "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. We also sang some Christmas carols. Everyone brought a little gift for the Christmas tree and we exchanged them. Then we had candy, cookies, and orangeade. We think everyone had a good time.

Yours truly,

Wilma Warren.

THE BRAVEST MAN IN GORHAM

Shea walked into Lit. one day, ten minutes late. Without a pencil, or a note-book; and last but not least without a book which should have been present in his bookbag exactly one week before. On walking into the classroom his only remark was, "Good Morning."

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"Doctor, are you sure this is appendicitis?" asked the patient. "Sometimes doctors operate for appendicitis and the patients die of something else."

"Sir," replied the M.D. to the shaking Brooks, "When I operate for appendicitis, you die of appendicitis."

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CAMPUS SONG HITS

"Strike Me Pink" Randall Staples
"Anything Goes", Inter-Class Basketball
"Gotta Go to Work Again",

Returning Practice Teachers
"Hypnotized" Mary O'Sullivan
"The Girl with the Dreamy Eyes",
Beverly Frye

"No Other One", That's what Doe says!
"Me and Marie" Charlie Loomis
"Love in Bloom"

Eunice Kelley and John Ham;
Doe and "Fitzy"; Polly Metcalf and
K. Brooks

"Let's Face the Music"
Those who skipped chapel, Mar. 5
"Where Am I?"

Gerber ordering penny candy in
Keene!

"The Music Goes 'Round and 'Round",
G. N. S. Quartet

"Alone" Arthur Comeau
"Far into the Night" Eve of Exams
"Take Me Back to My Boots and Saddle",
Fritz Burr

"Stormy Weather",
Current Basketball Season

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CAMPUS NOVEL HITS

"If This Be I?" Norman Provencal
"It Can't Happen Here",

Normal School Girls and Town Boys
"Iron Man" Stanley Reed
"So Big" Leslie Ross
"Barren Ground",

Brook's brain upon close inspection
"Above the Dark Tumult",
Mr. Wieden in Freshmen Introduction to Teaching

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Kentucky Boswell: "My room-mate is always asking for money. Why only yesterday he asked me for a dollar and today for fifty cents more."

"What does he do with it?" asked Brooks.

"I dunno," Boswell answered. "I don't give him any."

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Musical Moments, the final in a series of four entertainments, provided for the school through the Royal Lyceum Bureau of Boston, was presented by Andrew Di Crosta and Lenora Ferrari in Russell Hall, Tuesday evening, March 17th.

In this unique musical program was heard every instrument in the band, played by Mr. Di Crosta, and a masterly touch was given the accordion by Miss Ferrari. Miss Ferrari also charmed us with her beautiful soprano voice.



WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Basketball

The basketball season proved to be a great success. Led by those two Deering High School players, Agnes Spink and Margaret Johnson, the Freshmen marched off to victory by winning every game. The Juniors offered little resistance at first, but toward the end they put up a hard struggle. Well, cheer up Juniors, just wait until next year!

The season ended with a banquet in East Hall dining room where Margaret Johnson was made counsellor for the coming year.

The Honor Varsity was chosen as follows:

Thelma Daucette, center forward
Helen Scott, right forward
Josephine Pyska, left forward
Agnes Spink, center guard
Ann Gardner, right guard
Margaret Harvey, left guard

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Volley Ball Notes

After four weeks of fun and good sportsmanship, the volley-ball tournament between the Rebels, Maniacs, Yankees, and Bedbugs drew to a close. Three cheers for the Rebels, the winners!

From then on the class teams took the stand. This year the Seniors have comprised a team of their own: Capt. Chapman, Mary Lovejoy, Emma Martin, Virginia Maines, Claire Cotteral, Elinor Dolloff, Zeldia Fenlason, and Harriet Flye. The Juniors are led by Capt. Burns, with Barbara Gammons, Eldora Lidback, Dorothy Miller, Bernice Nutt, Dorothy Reardon, Mary Shepard, and Sally Thing; Subs: Elinor Brown, Doris Cunningham, Bertha Frost, Josephine Pyska, and Ada Senior. The Freshmen are under the leadership of Capt. Knowles, with Cecile Clement, Nathalie Cunningham, Margaret Harvey, Margaret Johnson, Elva Murray, Helen Scott, and Arline Rowe; Edith Atwood, Thelma Daucette, and Mary Smart, substitutes.

These are bound to be exciting games. Come out and support your class team!

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MEN'S ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

Now that the basketball season for this year is over we can look back on a very enjoyable and exciting season. Even though the team did not win as many games as they might have, we are certain that they have played excellently, considering the fact that nearly half the squad was new.

If the rumored four-year course is offered next year, we can look with certainty to a prize-winning team. We hear

that Dwight (Buster) Webb will be with us, if this is true. But, in case it is not true, we certainly regret that we will be losing our excellent Captain, John Ham, and Center, Edwin Bachelder. Nevertheless, we have some exceedingly good material in store for next year.

The Captain-elect for next year is Karlton (Gus) Higgins who has well proved his worthiness of this responsible position in the past two seasons. Kervin Ellis will be Manager, with co-assistants Warren Reed and William Johnson.

The basketball season came in like a lion when we played Portland Junior College and, due to a tie, two overtime periods were called. Unlike the month of March, the season also went out like a lion when we experienced the most exciting game of all against Hebron Academy. It was fast and close from start to finish with the opponents winning by only two points.

The following is a schedule of all games this past winter with the Hebron game in detail, which was last, but by no means least, in importance:

	G.N.S.	OPP.
Portland Jr. College*	47	44
Hebron Academy	31	52
Bridgton Academy*	43	41
Keene Normal	37	42
Salem Teachers' College	27	39
R. I. College of Ed.*	36	28
Keene Normal*	44	56
Salem Teachers' College*	48	41
Portland Jr. College	32	42
Fryeburg Academy*	44	30
Hebron Academy*	25	27

* Games played in Gorham.

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	Gls.	Fls.	Pts.
Ham, rf	1	2	4
Austin, rg	2	2	6
Higgins, lg	0	2	2
Bachelder, c	1	0	2
Grover, lf	0	0	0
Hamblen, lf	3	2	8
Gerber, lg	1	1	3
Willis, rg	0	0	0

Total 8 9 25

Referee, Taylor

HEBRON

	Gls.	Fls.	Pts.
Arbor, lg	0	0	0
Nason, lg	0	0	0
Tardiff, rg	0	0	0
Bullock, c	5	2	12
Danforth, c	0	0	0
Friscoli, lf	1	2	4
Leighton, lf	0	0	0
McGuire, rf	4	3	11

Total 10 7 27

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Many of the alumni were fortunate in securing positions for the last half year. Barbara Fisher '35 of Vassalboro is now teaching "in the country" (Fisher being quoted) at Clinton; Mary Stockbridge '35, in the fourth grade at Rockland; Muriel Morgan '35 of Gardiner in West Gardiner; Clyde Kimball at Springvale. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Libby '34 have announced the birth of a baby daughter, Priscilla Ann. "Gilly" and "Ernest" are living in Gray, Maine, where Ernest is employed.

During the last few weeks familiar faces have been noticed around the campus. Martha Blake and Virginia Merrill visited classes in Corthell during their February vacation. Helen Abbott was a guest of Miss Wood's during a recent week-end. The dormitory has had its share of visitors, too. Fourth floor took on some very familiar characteristics when Francis ("Racket") Remillard and Jean Galligan put in their appearance. Marg Keene and Ruth Bailey visited for a week-end. They may be full-fledged teachers, but they can still harmonize on "Under 'Neath the Bamboo Tree."

Lucybelles Oulton '34 of Portland has announced her engagement to Harry Blackwell, a classmate at North Eastern University.

Arlene MacMillan '34 of Millinocket visited friends in the dormitory. Since her graduation she has been employed as secretary in the Great Northern Paper Mill Office in Millinocket.

Norma Williston of Portland and graduate of 1934 is now attending North Eastern University.

Helen Bruce '34 of Millinocket has been confined to her home for the past month with a severely sprained knee. She expects to resume her teaching very shortly.

Gorham was happy to welcome back for the third quarter Marie Thompson of Portland. Since graduating from this school Miss Thompson has attended Bates College and Columbia University. She now has a teaching position at Colebrook, N. H., grade five.

Sebina Regina of Biddeford visited Mrs. Gross for a few days. She has a position teaching in a rural school.

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EXCHANGE

We observe that:

The "Keene Kronicle" has a short column called "Worth Reading." It includes a list of the most interesting articles in the monthly and weekly publications. This should serve as a fine guide for any student's reading.

"The Log," an edition of Salem Teachers' College, seems to be looking after the leisure reading of its students. Short reviews of latest books are being published in their school news. "And Gladly Teach" by Perry is the subject of this column for the February issue.

The Log took from Brockport Normal School a little poem we now pass along to you:

"I teach the trusting little tots
The things that they should know.
Painstakingly I guide their thoughts
And watch their powers grow.
"I shape each adolescent mind
In paths of rectitude,
I am their mentor, firm but kind;
The guardian of my brood.
"My mission is a worthy one
With pride my bosom swells;
But some day 'ere my life is done
I'll choke those darn dumb-bells!"

NORMAL SCHOOL HOLDS FIRST WINTER CARNIVAL

Sponsored by the athletic organizations of the school, Gorham's first annual winter carnival, held February 15, brought a day of laughs and spills. The events were held on our own campus and Normal Hill witnessed such a scene of sport and gaiety as it has not known for years. The activities were varied in form from a toboggan race to a peanut hunt. The weather did its part to add to the fun by making the snow so sticky that a dash on skis was almost impossible. Trivial matters like that made little difference to the merrymakers, for everyone fell in with the spirit of the day and took his ducking as part of the fun.

There were several who emerged from the events covered with honors as well as snow. "Babe" Chapman, with a total of eight points, held high score for the girls. Among the boys, Arthur Boswell, Howard Libby, and Bob Sample claimed high score with a total of four points each. The tie was broken by a race for a lollypop stuck in the snow. Here, Libby's voracious appetite came to his aid and motivated him so strongly that he had no difficulty in out-distancing the others and gaining the coveted lollypop—also the championship.

After supper, fast games of volley ball were played in the gym. Then followed the evening's entertainment in Robie Hall. Members of the faculty enjoyed bridge in the reception room, while "Center" was gay with a Valentine's Day dance, with music by Evelyn Thomas, Keith Crockett, Kervin Ellis, and John Grindle.

The committees who planned the carnival and dance included Elinor Burns, Kervin Ellis, Ethel Chapman, Mac Gardner, Howard Libby, Arthur Boswell, Josephine Pyska, Margaret Harvey, Lawrence Furbush, Reginald Edwards, and Sally Thing.

BOYS ENJOY KEENE-SALEM TRIP

January 17 was an exciting day for the basketball team and seven loyal rooters because they were to leave on a trip that would take them to Keene Normal School and Salem Teachers' College for two of the big annual basketball games.

The trip to Keene required about six hours, during which the boys amused themselves with newspaper comics, dime magazines, cards and original versions of modern songs. At 5:30, Keene came into view and the boys became more cheerful because they knew that their stomachs, which had long been empty, would soon be replenished.

The game was called at 7:45 and the spectators, mostly Keene students, soon found themselves sitting on the edges of their seats in the excitement of the game. The first half was close, with Gorham taking a prompt lead and ended 18—15, Gorham; at the end of the third quarter Keene had a slight lead, 29—27. The last quarter was disastrous for Gorham and Keene won 42—37. Captain Ham played a good game as usual with Gerber high scorer. Higgins helped to keep his team in the running by his spectacular one-handed long shots, while Austin seemed never to tire in his excellent defense work. Bachelder played in grand style at center.

After the game the team enjoyed a pleasant dip in the swimming tank and

then, after finding their rooms, went downtown for a lunch.

The next morning we were surprised and somewhat disappointed to see it snowing. Our trip to Salem wouldn't be so pleasant. But the dull weather didn't seem to hurt the spirits of the boys for they had a new supply of magazines and burst out occasionally with new song versions.

We stopped at Fitchburg, Mass., for dinner and were definitely informed by our Coach that if we didn't get back to the bus at a certain time we would have the privilege of walking the rest of the way. (The Coach, himself, was five minutes late, but the bus was still there.) We reached Salem without mishap at 4:15 P. M., after six hours of hard traveling, and were greeted by the Salem girls with an appetizing lunch. Incidentally, "Louis" was right there to greet us, too.

As the game was scheduled for 5 o'clock, there was no time to lose so the team changed up as quickly as they could and got out on the floor to warm up.

The game, in contrast to that of last year, was paced by Salem. The score by quarters was 8—3, 17—5, 29—19, and 39—27, all in Salem's favor. In spite of the long trip and the game the night before, our boys played a hard game, with Gerber scoring nearly half of our points and Captain Ham and Austin playing strong defensively. Higgins, apparently off form, missed several long shots. Bachelder and Hamblen each got one basket and Austin got two. Grover started the game in Gerber's place, thus celebrating his birthday in grand style. Twohig and Treeman scored well for Salem, with Captain Levy and Brenner getting seven points each.

Again we were reminded of the most excellent hospitality that we always get at Salem when we were driven off to a neat lunch room downtown for an excellent supper. Our evening's enjoyment wasn't to stop there for we were promptly taken to a theatre where we enjoyed a good show.

At 11 o'clock we were again aboard the bus and were headed for Gorham. The trip home was uneventful, other than an occasional song and snore.

At Portsmouth we indulged in a midnight lunch and were soon on our way again. At approximately 3 A. M., Sunday morning, the scattering lights of Gorham greeted our eyes, that is, all that were open. Thus ended a very enjoyable trip. We hope the boys in coming years enjoy it as much as we did!

MUSIC CLUBS BUSY!

On January 26, the double mixed quartet including Virginia Brown, Virginia Hagen, Margaret Johnson, Ada Senior, Richard Barbour, John Rand, Arnold Walker, Stanley Gay, and accompanist Edith Lewis, sang over the radio on one of a series of educational broadcasts, sponsored by Harrison C. Lyseth of Augusta. Dr. Walter E. Russell and Florence Jenkins gave short talks concerning new educational programs.

Friday night, February 17, the G. N. S. Male Quartet ventured forth to try out in a preliminary Major Bowes' Contest sponsored by the City of Portland. Being one of twenty-one to be chosen out of nearly two hundred, the quartet again sang at the Strand Theatre. Though unsuccessful this time, the boys cheerfully accepted defeat. Better luck next time, boys!

THE SHOP

Gorham Normal now possesses the only three year majoring industrial arts course offered in any of the State Normal Schools. The course was designed primarily to promote such courses as manual training, printing, and machine or sheet metal work in the public schools of the State.

In this issue the first year courses will be dwelt upon leaving the second and third year courses for the following issues.

Wood working is the main factor of the first year. It is divided into bench work, cabinet work, and theory of wood working. Bench and cabinet work follow one another while theory of wood work is a full year study. Bench work is the use of hand tools only. It is precisely the same course which the practice teachers give to the training school students. From this the young men draw and make a major project in cabinet work. These articles show examples of the finest workmanship, and range from sewing cabinets to buffets and spinet desks. The theory of wood work takes up the evolution of furniture starting with trees, showing the steps which lumber goes through before it actually becomes a table or even a hard wood floor.

During the first year, drafting consists of orthographic projection, development, triangulation, and perspective drawing. It is a very thorough course and really has a field all of its own in which one may advance quite extensively.

The only real way for one to get an idea of the work done is actually to visit the shop. Visitors are always welcome. A special invitation is extended those who feel that the boys' shop is not exactly just the place for the girls of the school. If you are interested, just come right in and ask all the questions you like.

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CLASS BASKETBALL

Much competition was offered in class basketball this year. Each class had two teams—majors and minors. Hard-fought wins were pretty evenly distributed among the teams. However, the Seniors are the proud winners of the cup, having totalled the greater number of credits.

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SMALL SCHOOLS' TOURNAMENT

As this issue of "The Oracle" goes to press, basketball fans are eagerly anticipating the small schools' tournament, March 13 and 14. Gorham High School has smashed its way through glorious victories so far, and are the favorites for the tournament. Things happen so quickly in basketball that we can't say who will win until the gun ends the final game.

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At a meeting of the Community Club of Gorham, February 17, the G. N. S. Male Quartet, the double mixed quartet, and the orchestra entertained in a variety musical program.

On February 18, the double mixed quartet and male quartet entertained, and were entertained by the Lions Club of Portland at a special noon meeting. The quartets rendered several selections and Arnold Walker sang a solo.

Last Wednesday, March 11, Miss Andrews directed the G. N. S. orchestra in a fifteen minute radio program over WCSH. Vocal music was provided by the male quartet.